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Docket 018/211c

AMENDMENTS

Please delete the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-23, as amended on June 18, 2001 with the following:

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08/844,419
What about?

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/974,549 filed November 19, 1997, Patent Number 6,166,178, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/915,503, filed August 14, 1997, abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/912,951, filed August 14, 1997, Patent Number 6,475,789 and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/911,312, filed August 14, 1997, abandoned, all three of which are continuations-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/854,050, filed May 9, 1997, Patent Number 6,261,836, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/851,843, filed May 6, 1997, Patent Number 6,093,809, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/846,017, filed April 25, 1997, abandoned. This application also claims priority to Patent Convention Treaty Patent Application Serial No.: PCT/US97/17885 (published on April 9, 1998 as WO 98/14593) and to Patent Convention Treaty Patent Application Serial No. PCT/US97/17618 (published on April 9, 1998 as WO98/14592), both designating the U.S. and filed in the U.S. Receiving Office on October 1, 1997. Each of the aforementioned applications is explicitly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and for all purposes. This application also incorporates by reference copending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/974,584, filed November 19, 1997, in its entirety and for all purposes.

REMARKS

The amendments are made to adjust certain information regarding the priority applications. In particular, applications which have recently been issued as U.S. Patents are indicated as such with their patent numbers. Applicants hereby relinquish the claim to priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/724,643, filed on October 1, 1996.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is requested. In the event that the Examiner determines that there are other matters to be addressed, applicant hereby requests an interview by telephone.